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## BOOK REVIEWS

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**OBSTETRICAL NURSING.** A Manual for Nurses and Students and Practitioners of Medicine. By Charles Sumner Bacon, Ph.B., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics, University of Illinois and the Chicago Polyclinic; Medical Director Chicago Lying-In Hospital and Dispensary; Attending Obstetrician Chicago Polyclinic, Henrotin, German and Evangelical Deaconess Hospitals. Illustrated with 123 Engravings. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York. Price \$2.

Dr. Bacon defines obstetrics as a science which considers "the physiological and pathological changes in woman during pregnancy, labor and the puerperium," and as an art which has "to do with the supervision and care of the reproduction functions in woman and especially with assistance during labor."

Obstetrical nursing he considers of great importance in the art of obstetrics. He believes, moreover, that the physician should be thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the nursing: "He should understand how to care for the sick gravida, the suffering woman in labor, and the lactating mother, just as much as the supervising engineer or architect should know the work of the employees under his control." It is this idea which puts the student and the practitioner in the company of the nurse in the sub-title. Perhaps there is nothing new in the text, but certainly none of the accumulated knowledge of this oldest branch of nursing that goes to make a good nurse will be found wanting. Every detail pertaining to the management of the normal obstetrical case is minutely considered. Every departure from the normal with its attendant complications has its treatment outlined.

There is an interesting chapter giving all the changes and developments of embryology. There is finally the care of the new born through the first few weeks of life.

**THE FROHSE ANATOMY CHARTS.** Goder-Heiman Co., 623 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Price \$3.00 each. \$39.00 the set.

Of these maps the ones of the eye, ear, and of the median section through the head, are of mammoth size, greatly facilitating the teaching of minute parts. Thus the most tortuous labyrinth, the smallest

bloodvessel or nerve, can be plainly seen from the farthest corner of the class-room. We have seen many schemes for visual instruction, but never any approaching the Frohse Charts for satisfactory teaching. The latest councils on pedagogy have decreed that visual teaching brings the quickest and most lasting results. There are those who dissent and claim that it is a tax on the organs of sight. The difficulty is obviated in the Frohse Charts. Normal coloring, slightly intensified, and normal lines, sufficiently magnified make the chart teaching far less of a strain on the eyes than the close attention demanded when one would master the human anatomy from a text-book with the ordinary black and white plates.

The set of thirteen comprises beside the three already mentioned, ten others:

1. The skeleton frontal view.
2. The muscles frontal view.
3. The skeleton dorsal view.
4. The muscles dorsal view.
6. Viscera of the chest and abdomen A.
7. Viscera of the chest and abdomen B.
8. Viscera of the chest and abdomen C.
9. Viscera of the chest and abdomen D.
10. The Nervous System.
11. A Diagram of the Circulation.

STATE REGISTRATION FOR NURSES. By Louie Croft Boyd, R.N. Graduate Colorado Training School for Nurses, Connected with the City and County Hospital, Denver, Colorado, 1899; Post Graduate Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, 1903; Member Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners 1905-1909. Second Edition. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London. Price, \$1.25.

This book was reviewed in these pages at the time it appeared in its first edition in 1911. It is a valuable summary of the laws governing the registration of nurses in the United States. Its author presents the book with the hope that it find a place for itself as "a reference for those states contemplating new legal enactments, or the revision of laws already in existence, a means of ready reference also for the trained nurse in choosing her field of professional activity—whether temporary or permanent, and to serve as a basis in the collection of data for a complete history of the registration movement in the United States." The book represents a large amount of careful work in collecting and arranging the text.